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LB 915, 341

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would move to readvance bill to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: You heard the motion to readvance the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. The motion carried the bill is readvanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, before I proceed to the next motion I have a communication from the Secretary of State regarding the overrides...strike that, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, we will strike it.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb would move to return LB 341 to Select File for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb, I guess you already have the floor.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, there is being distributed right now, I guess I didn't know when this was going to come up, my amendment for 341 which is also on page 1947 of the Journal. That is the amendment. The material I am distributing describes why I think we need to put the amendment on the bill. As you may recall, the intent language in LB 341 indicates that the percent of total school costs as financed by state aid is to go up from 33 percent ending at 45 percent in 1989-1990. That is the intent language and, of course, there is nothing that guarantees that this will in fact happen. Now another part of the bill increases the qualifying levy for equalization and for most classes of schools, Classes II, III, IV, and V, the qualifying levy goes up from 50 cents in 1985-86 to \$1.03 in 1989-1990. We have discussed this before. Now the problem as I see it with the bill is that there is nothing to link the increase in the qualifying levy with increase in state aid. In other words if that increase in state aid does not happen, the increase in the qualifying levy does happen because that is in the bill. Now the amendment would